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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BALA, RAJA

Examiner

Antonio A Caschera

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Quayle Action

1. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

The disclosure is objected to because of an erroneous reference to a Figure element (see below).

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213. A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Specification

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:
 - a. The reference to step 1, in paragraph 8, lines 1-3 of the specification should be corrected to refer to step 10, as shown in Figure 1 (see “(step 1)” of paragraph 8).

Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-16 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In reference to claims 1 and 9, the prior art of record (Sadowski et al. (U.S. Patent 6,744,917), Hoshuyama (U.S. Publication 2004/0119843) and Hibi et al. (U.S. Publication 2004/0228523)), does not explicitly disclose obtaining deviation of S2 and S3 component values

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from a predefined neutral axis for all pixels in an image whose S2 component value is either the low or high extremum, testing a condition that certain of the deviations are within predetermined thresholds and determining, if the condition holds true, that the image is in a luminance-chrominance color space, with the further limitations of claims 1 and 9 respectively.

In reference to claims 2-8 and 10-16, claims 2-8 and 10-16 are also indicated as allowable because they claim dependency upon allowable claims 1 and 9 respectively.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

References Cited

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

- a. Sadowski et al. (U.S. Patent 6,744,917)
 - Sadowski et al. discloses a color space detector for recognizing a color space of a digital video input.
- b. Hoshuyama (U.S. Publication 2004/0119843)
 - Hoshuyama discloses an image processing device including color gamut and color space determining parts.
- c. Hibi et al. (U.S. Publication 2004/0228523)

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- Hibi et al. discloses an image processing apparatus including a color space inferring controller, performing prescribed processing to image data based on the color space inference.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Antonio Caschera whose telephone number is (703) 305-1391. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Thursday and alternate Fridays between 7:00 AM and 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Bella, can be reached at (703)-308-6829.

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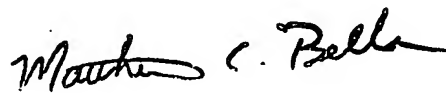
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